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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT EARLY WARNING - FUTURE PLANS FOR MONGSTAD
REFINERY COMPLEX

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1. NORSK HYDRO, MAJORITY OWNER OF THE REFINERY BEING BUILT AT MONGSTAD, HAS ANNOUNCED ITS PLANS FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPLEX. DEVELOPMENT WILL TAKE PLACE IN FIVE PLANNED STAGES THROUGH THE EARLY NINETEEN-EIGHTIES.

2. STAGE ONE OF THE PROJECT - THE REFINERY - IS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION. STAGE TWO WILL CONSIST OF AMMONIA AND UREA FACILITIES WITH ANNUAL CAPACITIES OF 350,000 AND 350,000 TO 400,000 METRIC TONS RESPECTIVELY. REPRESENTING INVESTMENT OF DOLS 100

MILLION, STAGE TWO IS TO BE INITIATED "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". STAGE THREE INVOLVES EXPANSION OF REFINERY CAPACITY, AMMONIA, AROMATICS, AND POSSIBLY OTHER PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS. STAGE FOUR ENVISAGES A MAGNESIUM PLANT WITH AN ANNUAL CAPACITY OF 50,000 TO 60,000 METRIC TONS. THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS STAGE IS THE EARLY '80'S. PRODUCTION WOULD BE BASED ON A PROCESS CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED BY HYDRO'S R AND D STAFF. STAGE FIVE COULD BE AN ALUMINA PROCESSING PLANT, IF POLLUTANT DISCHARGE PROBLEMS CAN BE SOLVED.

3. CONTACT: NORSK HYDRO A/S, BYGDOY ALLE 2, OSLO 2, NORWAY, TELEX: 18 350. WTDR MAY 1973.

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